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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE KAUL VISIT BOMBAY

1. AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE TO US KAUL CAME BOMBAY THIS PAST
WEEKEND AND LEFT EARLY TUES AM VIA AIR INDIA ENROUTE
WASHINGTON WHERE HE EXPECTS ARRIVE MAY 16. ON MON MAY 7 HE
ATTENDED SMALL LUNCHEON GIVEN BY G. L. MEHTA AT ICICI AND
ATTENDED TEA MEETING OF INDO- AMERICAN SOCIETY LATER THAT
AFTERNOON WHERE HE GAVE APPROXIMATE 30 MINUTE EXTEMPERANEOUS
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TALK TO SOME 225 IAS MEMBERS PRESENT WHICH GIVEN STRAIGHT, ALTHOUGH BRIEF, TREATMENT LOCAL PRESS.

2. I ATTENDED LUNCHEON, MEETING KAUL FOR FIRST TIME. HE WAS CORDIAL AND CHARMING CAREFULLY AVOIDED POLITICS AND STUCK TO ECONOMIC SUBJECTS AND ANECDOTES DRAWN FROM RUSSIA AND CHINA.

3. FOLLOWING POINTS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IN KAUL PRESENTATION IAS:

A. IAS: INDICATED HE IMPRESSED BY WHAT HE HAD SEEN AND HEARD OF IAS NOTING MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 4000 AND INDICATING HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED BY SIZE OF TURNOUT FOR HIM. SAID HE WOULD LIKE SEE COMPARABLE SOCIETY FORMED IN US. COMMENT: BY IMPLICATION SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE NICE SEE GROUP OF AMERICANS MANIFEST SIMILAR INTEREST AND INITIATIVE.

B. VISITING AMERICAN SCHOLARS: SAID THAT "GENUINE" AMERICAN SCHOLARS WOULD BE WELCOME AND PRESUMABLY WITHOUT LIMIT

PROVIDED THEY PURSUED WORTHWHILE STUDIES FOCUSING FOR EXAMPLE ON MODERN INDIA. DIDN'T WANT SCHOLARS WHO CAME TO DO RESEARCH FOR EXAMPLE ON "TODAS" AND "THE CASTE SYSTEM". ALL AMERICAN SCHOLARS WOULD HAVE TO WORK THROUGH INDIAN UNIVERSITIES IN APPROVED PROGRAMS.

C. INDIAN STUDENTS US: IN REFERENCE LARGE NUMBER INDIAN STUDENTS US KAUL EMPHASIZED THAT THEY SHOULD FORGET ABOUT BIG SALARIES AND A SOFT LIFE AND RETURN TO INDIA AND PUT THEIR FOREIGN- ACQUIRED KNOWLEDGE TO WORK FOR BETTERMENT OF INDIA. MADE CLEAR HE CONSIDERED INDIA LOSING NEEDED TALENT THROUGH "BRAIN DRAIN" AND THAT FACT THERE SOME 11,000 STUDENTS IN US HAD DISADVANTAGEOUS ASPECT AS FAR INDIA CONCERNED. COMMENT: IMPLICATION CLEAR HE FAR FROM CONVINCED AS TO NEED OR DESIRABILITY OF PRESENT INDIAN STUDENT LEVEL US AND THAT HE SUGGESTING NUMBER COULD BE CUT BACK SUBSTANTIALLY IN INDIA'S INTEREST.

D. INDO- US RELATIONS: DWELLED ON IMPORTANCE OF GOOD FEELING EXISTING BETWEEN PEOPLES OF INDIA AND US. STRESSED CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES SHOULD BE BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S OPINIONS ETC, AND NON- INTERFERENCE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. OF OPINION USG WOULD COME SHARE THIS VIEW. STRESSED THAT HE WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN JOB UNLESS HE HAD FELT THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES COULD BE IMPROVED AND THAT THAT POSSIBILITY EXISTED. COMMENT: IN HIS REMARKS ON THIS SUBJECT KAUL APPEARED TO BE STILL MAKING

DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND THAT USG WOULD SOONER RATHER THAN LATER LIKELY COME AROUND TO INDIA' S TERMS AND POINT OF VIEW.

4. I TOOK OCCASION FOLLOWING HIS PRESENTATION TELL KAUL THAT HE VERY LIKELY ENCOUNTER CONCERN IN WASHINGTON CURRENTLY OVER ALLEGATIONS EMANATING FROM GOI AND CONGRESS PARTY SOURCES WITH RESPECT USG INTERFERENCE INDIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS SUCH AS SUPPORT FOR OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES ETC AND THAT IT IMPORTANT ALLAY THESE CONCERNS WASHINGTON AS ESSENTIAL PART PROCESS IMPROVING RELATIONS. KAUL REPLIED HE WELL AWARE WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT AND OF OPINION THIS MATTER SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN DIPLOMATIC CONVERSATIONS RATHER THAN PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

5. VICE PRES IAS CHUDASAMA WHO CURRENTLY TAKING ACTIVE ROLE CONGRESS PARTY POLITICS BOMBAY (A FORMER SWATANTRA MEMBER AND ONE WHO JUST MAY BE WEAKENING AS FAR AS HIS CONGRESS ATTACHMENT IS CONCERNED), INDICATED HE THOUGHT KAUL PRESENTATION A LITTLE TOO SMOOTH (WE WOULD AGREE WITH THIS CHARACTERIZATION) AND EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER KAUL' S PREDILECTION FOR COMMUNIST POINTS OF VIEW.

6. COMMENT: I WAS LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT KAUL WILL PROBABLY DO A SMOOTH AND EFFECTIVE JOB OF CARRYING OUT PM' S WISHES WHILE IN WASHINGTON BUT COULD NOT ESCAPE FEELING HE NOT REALLY CONVINCED SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONSHIP POSSIBLE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE UNLESS USG OF COURSE PREPARED PRETTY MUCH ACCEPT INDIA' S TERMS.

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